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REMARKS

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1. At 9:30 a.m. on 17 January 1953, a train of 12 boxcars with no locomotive stood at the Oranienburg railroad station. The cars carried soldiers and materiel including 10 x 37-mm AA guns, jeeps, sedans and trucks

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2. At 5 p.m. on 17 January, 9 trucks with pontoons and bridge building materiel were loaded onto flatcars at the Eberswalde railroad station.

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3. At 2:20 p.m. on 20 January, a train carrying 220 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 14 trucks, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns and 6 x 120-mm mortars pulled out of Weimar railroad station toward Erfurt. The train had been assembled in Weimar.

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4. At about 2 p.m. on 23 January, 4 T-34/85 tanks, 2 JS-2 tanks, 3 trucks, 1 field kitchen and about 60 soldiers were loaded at the Cottbus freight station.

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5. Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 23 January, 13 boxcars were loaded with about 250 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and with billeting equipment, and about 20 flatcars with engineer equipment, 1 ambulance, 2 motorcycles and about 15 trucks, at the Templin railroad station.

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The train was the third shipment that had been loaded after 19 January.

1. Comment. [REDACTED] the train carried units of the 31st AAA Div. Records on transportation tend to indicate that the shipment is identical with the shipment which went from Boetzow to Fuerstenberg on 18 January 1953.

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2. Comment. [REDACTED] a unit of the 3d Pzr Regt of the Fourth Lds Mecz Army was loaded. Repeatedly observed departures of engineer units from their garrisons since early January 1953 are indicative of short-term training periods.

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3. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that elements of the 65th Gds Meez Regt of the 20th Gds Meez Div were loaded. The shipment presumably went to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds.

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a tank unit of the 9th Meez Div was loaded in Cottbus.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The loading was made by elements of the 880th Engr Bn of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. In case all three shipments should have carried units of the battalion, it is believed that the entire battalion was transferred, presumably back to the billeting area of the abovementioned corps.

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